

GUYANA

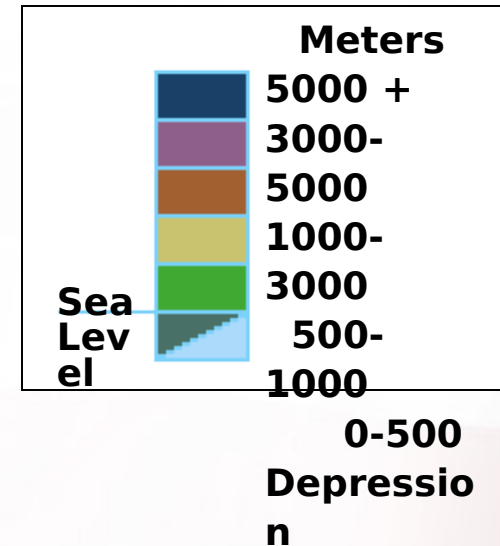


- Developing economy
- Political and labor unrest
 - Shortage of skilled labor
 - Deficient infrastructure



Guyana: Environmental Issues

- Topography
- Climate



Tropical; hot, humid, moderated by northeast trade winds; two rainy seasons (May to mid-August, mid-November to mid-January)

Mostly rolling highlands; low coastal plain; savanna in south

lowest point: Atlantic Ocean 0 m

highest point: Mount

Guyana: Environmental Issues

- Industry
 - Agriculture
 - Mining especially bauxite
- Water
 - Surface water contaminated with raw sewage
 - Mercury and cyanide contamination due to gold mining

Guyana: Environmental Issues

- Food
 - No specific information
- Air
 - Localized pollution near urban and industrial centers
- Soil
 - Localized contamination near industry and waste disposal sites
 - Shallow trenches used as urban landfills

Guyana: Environmental Issues

- Greatest short-term environmental health risks
 - Water contaminated with raw sewage
- Greatest long-term environmental health risks
 - Chronic ingestion of mercury or cyanide in contaminated water

Guyana: Diseases of Operational Importance

- High-risk country
- Diseases of greatest risk
 - Food and waterborne: bacterial diarrhea, hepatitis A, typhoid/paratyphoid fever
 - Vector-borne: malaria

Guyana: Diseases of Operational Importance

- Diseases of potential risk
 - Food and waterborne: protozoal diarrhea
 - Vector-borne: dengue fever, filariasis, leishmaniasis, mansonellosis, yellow fever
 - Sexually transmitted: gonorrhea/chlamydia, hepatitis B, HIV/AIDS, syphilis
 - Water contact: leptospirosis
 - Respiratory: tuberculosis
 - Animal contact: rabies